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1. An anti-microbial fabric, comprising:

a multi-layer filter article, said article being made at least in part of a multicomponent fiber of thermoplastic polymers, including

a core of thermoplastic polymer being at least 20 and less than 70% of the fiber by weight, and

a sheath being more than 30% of the fiber by weight and including (i) a thermoplastic polymer and (ii) an anti-microbial/anti-fungal inorganic additive being from 0.1% to 20% by weight of fiber, the thickness of the sheath in microns being approximately two times the nominal particle size in microns of the additive.

- 2. The fabric of claim 1, forming at least a part of an air filter.
- 3. The fabric of claim 1, forming at least a part of a water filter.
- 4. The fabric of claim 1, wherein an anti-odor agent is added to the fiber.
- 5. The fabric of claim 1, wherein at least one layer has the anti-microbial fiber, said layer being on the intended upstream side of the other layers.
- 6. The fabric of claim 1, forming at least part of a car wash material.
- 7. The fabric of claim 1, forming at least part of a filter or a batt in a car wash water recycle storage tank.
- 8. The fabric of claim 1, forming at least in part a mop head fabric.
- 9. The fabric of claim 1, forming at least in part a dust mask.

- 10. The fabric of claim 1, forming at least in part a humidifier evaporation surface media and/or a circulation/ aeration system pad.
- 11. The fabric of claim 1, forming at least in part a boat bilge anti-microbial pad.
- 12. An anti-microbial fabric, comprising:

a multi-layer filter article, said article being made of a bi-component fiber, including

a core of a high tenacity polymer being at least 20 and less than 70% of the fiber by weight, and

a sheath of a hydrolysis resistant polymer being at least 30% of the fiber by weight, and including an additive ranging from 0. 1 % to 20 % by weight of the fiber and being selected from the group consisting of pigments, compounds creating a hydrophilic surface, and anti-microbial, anti-fungal and anti-odor materials.

- 13. The fabric of claim 12, forming at least a part of an air filter.
- 14. The fabric of claim 12, forming at least a part of a water filter.
- 15. The fabric of claim 12, wherein an anti-odor agent is added to the fiber.
- 16. The fabric of claim 12, wherein at least one layer has the anti-microbial fiber, said layer being on the intended upstream side of the other layers.
- 17. The fabric of claim 12, forming at least part of a car wash material.
- 18. The fabric of claim 12, forming at least part of a filter or a batt in a car wash water recycle storage tank.

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- 19. The fabric of claim 12, forming at least in part a mop head fabric.
- 20. The fabric of claim 12, forming at least in part a dust mask.
- 21. The fabric of claim 12, forming at least in part a humidifier evaporation surface media and/or a circulation/ aeration system pad.
- 22. The fabric of claim 12, forming at least in part a boat bilge anti-microbial pad.
- 23. An anti-microbial fabric, comprising:

a multi-layer filter article, including:

a binder fiber made from low temperature polymer with a melting or softening temperature below 200 degrees C.,

an anti-microbial additive of an inorganic compound made from a metal chosen from the group consisting of copper, zinc, tin and silver added to the binder fiber, the additive ranging from 0.1 to 20% by weight of the fiber, and

fibers which are free of anti-microbial additive being blended with said binder fiber, said blend of fibers having been heated to its melting temperature, thereby providing a fiber blend which can be used to produce an anti-microbial finished fabric able to withstand significant wear and washings and maintain its effectiveness.

- 24. The fabric of claim 23, forming at least a part of an air filter.
- 25. The fabric of claim 23, forming at least a part of a water filter.
- 26. The fabric of claim 23, wherein an anti-odor agent is added to the fiber.

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- 27. The fabric of claim 23, wherein at least one layer has the anti-microbial fiber, said layer being on the intended upstream side of the other layers.
- 28. The fabric of claim 23, forming at least part of a car wash material.
- 29. The fabric of claim 23, forming at least part of a filter or a batt in a car wash water recycle storage tank.
- 30. The fabric of claim 23, forming at least in part a mop head fabric.
- 31. The fabric of claim 23, forming at least in part a dust mask.
- 32. The fabric of claim 23, forming at least in part a humidifier evaporation surface media and/or a circulation/ aeration system pad.
- 33. The fabric of claim 23, forming at least in part a boat bilge anti-microbial pad.
- 34. The fabric of claim 23, wherein the fibers which are free of anti-microbial additive are cotton.
- 35. The fabric of claim 23, wherein the binder fiber is made of PETG.